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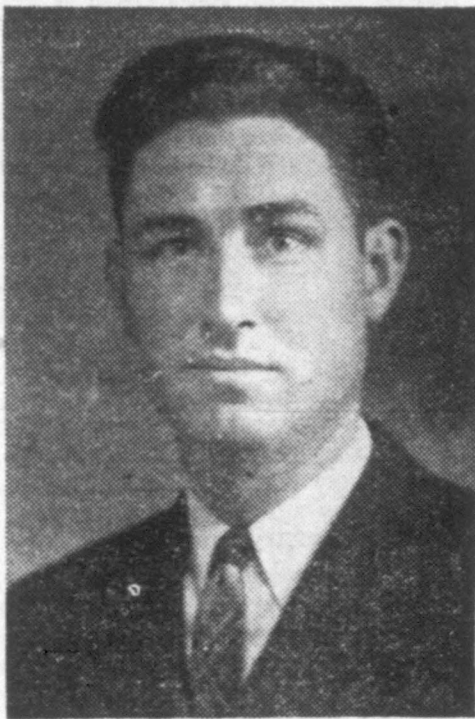
WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Rev. W. A. Trotman, Long Beach, Miss.

Text: "For what is your life?"
James 4:14.

Two young men were visiting the National Museum in Washington, D. C. On one of the cabinets they read: "The body of a man weighing 154 pounds." Inside the cabinets they saw jars containing water, potassium, carbonate of lime, phosphate of lime, and other chemicals. Still other jars held gases—hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen.

As they stood looking one of them asked, "Is that all I am made of?" "That is all," stated a by-stander. Our friend's companion replied, "That is not all for if it were we would all be alike. God adds something which cannot be put in cabinets." If the label on that cabinet told all, man would be worth less than a dollar. Yet we know that every individual has an immortal soul. Did not Jesus ask, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"



REV. W. A. TROTMAN

Our text in its setting teaches that life is brief but the scriptures teach much more than this about life. What

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Let The Trumpets Sound!

Since our last issue peace has come in Europe. Germany has surrendered unconditionally, and the Allied Nations are rejoicing in complete and decisive victory after five and a half years of unparalleled suffering and effort.

There is a verse in the Book of Numbers, in the tenth chapter, which seems to be appropriate at such a time as this:

"In the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings."

Are not these days of gladness, and yet at the same time solemn days? And are we not all hoping that they will indeed prove to be days of new beginnings for ourselves and for all peoples? Then surely the law which prescribed the way in which great days were to be observed in Israel must have its guidance for us.

1.—Such mercies as we have experienced demand that we too should offer our sacrifices to God.

"I beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." The lives that have been spared, the liberties that have been preserved, these belong to God. We must recognize this and surrender to Him His own.

2.—But the trumpets must also be sounded over the sacrifices.

In Israel's ceremonies it was the exclusive privilege of the priests to sound these silver trumpets, and as the United Nations celebrate victory today there are certain notes which God's people, the priests of the New Testament dispensation, must sound out loudly and clearly.

(a) There is the Note of Worship

We stand in the presence of a great Act of God, a great Judgment of God. Let pride and boastfulness be far from us. The Voice from the

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"KITS FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN"

When VE day arrived some 65,000 children from war-stricken European countries had found refuge in Sweden, where Raedda Barnen, the Swedish Save the Children Committee, rendered and is still rendering a notable service in providing clothing and other necessities. In this work it has been greatly aided by our American Save the Children Federation, which has sent large shipments of clothing, not only to Sweden but to Holland and France.

Another undertaking of the American Federation is a project called "Kits for Europe's Children." This provides parcels containing all the garments a little child needs for his comfort. There are layettes for new-born babies and kits for 12-month-old infants as well as for 2 to 5 year old boys and girls, with warm blankets, toothbrushes, tooth powder and combs, and a sewing kit for the mother. Already over 3,000 of these "kits" have been forwarded by the central office of

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POSTWAR MISSIONS PRESENTS WORLD SCOPE

E. C. Routh

Within recent months many inquiries have come to the Foreign Mission Board concerning plans for foreign mission work after the war. It is not enough to reply that we hope to send out more missionaries and resume missionary activities in war-stricken countries.

Some Things Are Unshaken

We shall face a different world from that which we knew a half dozen years ago. This global conflict has given us a new understanding of the scripture: "This word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. Wherefore, receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire." In the recent meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference we heard some comments on this

passage of scripture by a retired Canadian missionary. He referred to the reply by Jesus to His disciples when they called His attention to the Temple adorned with goodly stones: "The day will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." That saying of Jesus was fulfilled within a generation when Jerusalem was ravaged by Roman armies. Said the missionary: "Believers in Jerusalem had only three things left—a Book, a Cross, and a Church." We have those three unshaken assets left today, but in some countries not much else remains.

On the other hand, we have some things which we did not have before the war. What are they?

Six New Things Since the War

1. We have more intimate contacts with the whole world. Airplanes, thousands of them, are crossing the Atlantic and the Pacific in a few hours. The great air-lines are already planning regular and rapid

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Mississippi College Begins Enlargement

Concrete is being poured for the foundation of the Library Annex which will almost double the size of the library building. This will relieve the already crowded condition and will make room for the 4000 books which have not been moved from the Hillman library and for the new books which will be added as the college grows.

Funds for this addition came from two sources. \$17,500 was given by the General Education Board and \$20,000 came from oil leases. Thus the Mississippi College Enlargement Program is showing visible results.

Jennings Hall which is being thoroughly refinished and made into suites is nearing completion. It is like a new building and will be used by the girls to supplement the Hillman buildings until the proposed new dormitory can be built.

Only a few vacancies are left in Jennings Hall and deposits are coming almost daily for them. Girls who desire places in Jennings Hall should act promptly. Those who prefer the Hillman campus can still get rooms in one of the brick cottages.

Ratliff Hall is undergoing thorough repairs and improvements for the use of the men. Convenient bathrooms are being installed on each floor and many other improvements are being made to make it look new and attractive.

Art is to be offered under Mrs. Marie Atkinson Hull, an outstanding artist whose ability is recognized not only in Mississippi but in art circles over the nation.

M. P. L. Berry.

Dr. Sampey Suggests A Confessional



JOHN RICHARD SAMPSEY

By Dr. John R. Sampey
President Emeritus,
Southern Baptist Seminary

"Confess therefore your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed."
James 5:16.

The Catholic church knows the value of the confessional. There is a release that comes to the soul when it makes full confession of all its sins. The Catholic church requires confession to a priest and clothes him with power to say to the sinner, "Te ab-

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-Sparks & Splinters-

We greatly appreciate the work of Miss Clarice Conner for her faithful service during the Slayden VBS and study course. The following local persons assisted Miss Conner: Prof. J. B. Henderson of the county high school, Miss Edith Hurdle, Mrs. Lois Mackey, Mrs. Presley, Mrs. D. O. Hurdle, Jr., and Mrs. Jack Hurdle. Forty were enrolled and there was one conversion. Forty certificates were awarded for the 100% attendance record of those enrolled. An offering of \$6.72 was given for home missions.—Boyd Watkins.

Pleasant Hill church in Simpson county closed its revival meeting July 27. Brother W. E. Green of Clarke Memorial College preached for us. Seven were received by baptism. This too is a good church. We plan to build Sunday school rooms at a later date and we have some money on hand for this purpose.—B. E. Phillips.

The annual revival at Glading church, Amite county, will begin Sunday, August 5, with Rev. W. R. Cooper, of Tylertown, as the evangelist. Rev. J. A. Terrell, the pastor, will have charge of the music. The services for the week will be as follows: Sunday with two services, 11:00 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., with dinner on the ground. Week-day service will be 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. through Friday night. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and participate in these services.

New Home church, Smith county, has started a building fund. Mrs. A. B. Stringer of Rt. 1, Bay Springs, was appointed financial secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Frank S. Groner, for the past several years assistant superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, was elected superintendent of the hospital last week by the Board of Directors, to succeed Dr. Louis J. Bristow, who has resigned. Dr. Bristow will continue with the hospital commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as director of all Southern Convention hospitals.

Evansville church, Tate county, completed its VBS on July 27. The children were transported by three trucks. The enrollment was 43 and the average attendance 35. The offering amounted to \$9.10. The following teachers and helpers were enlisted: Miss Mary Earle Still, Mrs. Clarence Still, Mrs. Jimmie Baker and Mrs. J. D. McIvor. Pastor L. B. Kenley of Memphis, Tenn., is doing a fine work here.—Mrs. J. D. McIvor, principal.

On three successive Sundays with an enrollment of 90 the attendance at Hardy has been 117, 125 and 94.

The revival at Longview, Oktibbeha county, will begin August 5. The evangelist is to be Rev. Edd Grayson, and T. B. Stone of Clarke College will conduct the music.—Reporter.

There were 29 additions to Holly Grove church, Sunflower county, during the revival July 22-27. The evangelist was Dr. G. Norman Price of Indianola.

Moscow—(By Wireless to RNS)—Two articles criticizing "political activities" of the Roman Catholic church are features in the latest issue of the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, official organ of the Russian Orthodox church.

There were 10 additions in the revival at Verona church. The preaching was done by Evangelist James E. Coggin of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Stettwagon of Verona led the music.—W. L. Coggin, clerk.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henning Andrews of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, spent their vacation at Houlika. Sgt. Andrews is the son of Pastor S. P. Andrews and he preached in his father's place at the morning worship hour.—Mrs. John Colburns.

There have been 36 additions to Mars Hill church, Amite county, since April.—Phil J. Walker, pastor.

Mrs. Dorothy Witty McLean, daughter of the late Mrs. Witty and granddaughter of the late Walter Trotter, has given a check for \$100 in memory of her mother to be used for a library-game and recreation room for our church.—C. B. Hamlet, III.

East church, Greenville, of which Dr. C. S. Henderson is pastor, has gained 100 members during its six months history. The church has a membership of 123 at present. Sunday services are held in the county court house and prayer meeting in the home of the J. W. Shepherds.

The W. M. S. of Winona has been notified that their society is one of 839 in the entire south which secured a gift for missions from every woman in the resident membership. Forty-five of these are in Mississippi.—C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor.

We had a two weeks' VBS with 111 enrolled at Phalti. There were eight professions of faith.—J. K. Moore.

Pastor C. J. Hughes did the preaching in our revival at Summerland. We had 11 additions. The pastor led the church in doing personal work during the Vacation Bible school.—Reporter.

July 20 we closed our days of meeting with Fork church in Simpson county. Dr. Norman Cox of Meridian preached for us and it was mighty good preaching. Eleven were received for baptism and some received by letter. We have in mind to build a new church house here some time in the future and we are collecting funds for this purpose.—B. E. Phillips.

President Spright Dowell of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, has announced that Miss Corinne Byrd, formerly teacher at Woman's College, Hattiesburg, will go to Mercer in September as a teacher in the modern languages department. Miss Byrd is a daughter of the late J. E. Byrd, for more than 30 years Sunday school secretary in Mississippi.

There were 18 professions of faith and a number of rededications during the revival at Brooklyn church. Pastor Fred Moseley was assisted by Evangelist Percy Ray. On the last night of the meeting almost \$4,000 was pledged to the building fund.

The week of July 8, Rev. V. C. Windham and two students from Clarke College assisted Pastor W. J. Hemby in a revival at Siloam church. There was a good attendance at both morning and evening services. There were seven on profession of faith and a number who came by letter.

Miss Katherine Jones of Waynesboro was principal of the Vacation school at Adaton, Oktibbeha county. Other workers were: Miss Genevieve Clardy, Mrs. W. A. Geiger, Mrs. Woodrow Yeatz, Mrs. J. B. Critz, Mrs. J. S. Fondron and Miss Margaret Duke. There was an average attendance of 30.

Bunker Hill: A study course on Barnett's book "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism" was followed by a VBS with an enrollment of 120. The evangelist for the revival was Rev. W. A. "Slick" Green. There were 24 additions during the meeting, making a total of 37 for June and July.—H. D. Jordan.

Governor Thomas L. Bailey was the speaker on July 22 and twelve of his staff were at Liberty for the "Back to Church Movement" in Amite county. The meeting was sponsored by the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Liberty.

Spurgeon's Illustrative Anecdotes, edited by Davis Otis Fuller, D. D., chaplain, U. S. Navy, is the latest evidence of Dr. Fuller's exceptional ability to edit and condense the work of the "prince of preachers." Alphabetically arranged according to subject and completely indexed for maximum usefulness, this volume will delight pastors, teachers, indeed, all those who present the gospel. As a devotional book it will inspire and strengthen all who read it. Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, it sells for \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery, Man of Prayer, is a book that deserves wide reading. One of the great figures of World War II and a great Christian general, Monty's life story should prove inspirational to all who read it. The author is Mel Larson, who also wrote, "Gil Dodds, the Flying Parson." The publisher is the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., and the price is \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Mantee: The Mantee Baptist Church licensed Hyran E. Barefoot to the gospel ministry at the evening service July 22. Hyran is one of our very finest young men. He was graduated from high school this year with honors and plans to enter Mississippi College in September. He became Sunday school superintendent at Mantee last year at the age of sixteen. Surely a fruitful ministry awaits this noble young man.—C. L. Boland, pastor.

Mrs. G. R. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia, has been elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention to succeed the late Mrs. F. W. Armstrong.

The Sunday school teachers and officers at Starkville recently completed a study of the book of Genesis. Dr. B. H. Carroll's book was used as a basis for the study. We expect better teaching of the Sunday school lessons as a result of this study.—Harold Douglas.

Joe L. Ingram, for the past five years a successful Presbyterian minister, recently announced his complete acceptance of Bible doctrines as held by Baptists, and after being subjected to a very careful examination was ordained upon the authority of First Baptist Church of North Little Rock, Ark. He is 26 years of age, a graduate of East Texas Baptist College.

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, a Jehovah's Witnesses' publishing house in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been granted a total of 718,800 pounds of extra quota paper by the War Production Board's Appeals Board, it was announced here by WPB's Printing and Publishing Division. (Editor's note: The request of The Baptist Record for a small increase in paper was denied by the War Production Board.)

Miss Lois Jones, a student worker, spent a month in VBS work in Oktibbeha county. She conducted schools at Mabon, D. M. Metts, pastor; Self Creek, C. S. Mullins, pastor; Adaton, C. S. Mullins, pastor; Chestnut Tog, C. S. Mullins, pastor. Another month of work with Miss Ruth Harwood leading has been lined up. We wish to thank the State Mission Board for these fine volunteer workers.—Harold Douglas.

Miss Annette Horne of Monticello directed the VBS and taught a study course, "Building a Standard Sunday School" the week of June 15-20 at West Salem church, Greene county. There were 40 enrolled in the Bible school, seven awards for the study course, four conversions and a mission offering of \$2.32.—Mrs. Clyde Powell, reporter.

Decatur: We have just closed our revival meeting in which Dr. J. A. Barnhill of Jackson did the preaching. We had 35 additions to the church, 19 of whom came for baptism, and 16 by transfer from other churches, or by statement. We had originally planned to close the meeting on Friday evening but there were so many lost people to be reached we decided to ask Dr. Barnhill to remain through Sunday morning which he arranged to be. Under his leadership we set a goal of attendance in Sunday school of 321, the number enrolled. We had some tags printed with 321 on them, and passed these out to all who would pledge themselves to be at Sunday school. We did not get a complete count but 261 were reported. We believe we had at least 300. We used the Sunday school hour as an evangelistic opportunity. There were four who came at this time. The baptismal service on Sunday night climaxed eight great days as nineteen went into the baptismal waters.—W. A. Hogan, pastor, Clarke-Venable church.

The First Baptist Church of Oxford, Frank Moody Purser, pastor, is on the Glory Roll of the Blue Mountain College endowment fund campaign.

C. O. Stegall, pastor of East Fork, was the evangelist for the meeting at Oak Grove in Old Mississippi Association. One came by letter.—W. M. McGehee, pastor.

Members of the W. M. U., its auxiliaries and the B. T. U. Intermediate group assisted with a V. B. S. during the week of July 16-20 at Mt. Zion church, Choctaw Baptist Association. Rev. W. W. Simpson, representative of our state mission board and missionary to the Indians, was present during the week.—William Potter.

Pastor Ivan Lowry of Mt. Zion church, Wayne county, reports nine professions of faith during their revival. The evangelist was Bob Barker of Mobile, Ala.

Northside Baptist Church recently elected a building committee whose immediate responsibility will be to study plans for a new church building and to recommend to the church steps to be taken toward the erection of a modern church plant. The church contemplates beginning of actual work within the next few months. The offerings of the church have made possible the addition of several hundred thousand dollars to the building fund each month. Approximately six hundred dollars will be added from receipts in July. Following are the names of those elected to serve on the building committee: Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, pastor; J. E. Lane, R. E. Purvis, Mrs. W. A. Knight, Elbert Guynes, Claude Clark, Mrs. J. H. Street, H. T. Harrison, Rev. A. B. Pierce, J. H. Pridgen, U. B. Hines, Miss Mary Bell Key.

Thurman Booth, pastor at Terry, preached during the revival at Ebenezer church, Jeff Davis county. There were 12 professions of faith.—J. N. Holloway, pastor.

Miss Bernice Posey of Lucien served as principal of the VBS at Stonewall. There was an enrollment of 133 with an average attendance of 107. Four made a profession of faith and \$14 was given for the Baptist Orphanage. During the same week Miss Posey taught the book "Soul-Winning Doctrines" by Dr. J. Clyde Turner.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

Goodwater church, Smith county: Our one week VBS was followed by our revival with Rev. E. A. McGriff of Bessemer, Alabama, doing the preaching. There were six additions. The church voted to go to half-time and bought \$1,350 worth of new pews and also venetian blinds for the auditorium. A total of \$326 was given during the revival. Half of this amount was for the evangelist and the remainder to help purchase a car for the pastor.

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

In the list of churches leading in baptisms published in the Record last week, Meridian 41st Avenue was listed by mistake as First Avenue.

I

In the 1944 statistical table recently released by Dr. Alldredge, it is noted that Mississippi Baptists gave last year for all causes a grand total of \$3,457,146.96. Of this amount \$2,655,647.23 went to local church expenses, while \$801,472.73 went to missions, etc., and all other beyond the local church causes. That means approximately 30c out of every dollar went to missions and to beyond the local church, while approximately 70c out of every dollar went to local church expenses. One way to raise the amount given to missions is for each church to increase its percentage of local offerings going to missions, and through information and inspiration lead the people to give more in the special offerings taken for missions.

Incidentally, our distribution between state and southwide causes is 40% for southwide and 60% for state. This is 10% greater to southwide causes than is the average from the churches to beyond the church causes.

It is estimated that the income of Mississippi Baptists for 1943 stood at the goodly sum of \$148,983,428. A scriptural minimum tithe of that amount would be \$14,898,342. That year Mississippi Baptists gave to all causes \$2,856,040. That means Mississippi Baptists withheld \$12,000,000 tithing money from the Lord. Malachi 3. That means that Mississippi Baptists gave in 1943 to all causes per member \$9.27. That means we averaged \$9.27, each one of us for the twelve months of the year. Then we wonder why we are only preaching the gospel in 14 or 18 of the 65 or more nations of the world! Then, an occasional preacher or layman is afraid we are giving too much, when in 1943 alone Mississippi Baptists robbed God of \$12,000,000. Then, we wonder why our young people are turned away from colleges and seminaries because of lack of space! Then, we stand up and sing such songs as, "Oh, How I Love Jesus," and "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord."

II

In 1944 the 1,556 Mississippi Baptist churches gave to missions as follows: 122 or 7.9% gave through the Cooperative Program only; 329 or 21.1% gave to designated causes only; 904 or 58.1% gave through both the Cooperative Program and to designated causes; 201 or 12.9% gave NOTHING; 1,035 or 87.1% of Mississippi Baptist churches gave to some mission causes. Only 23 of our 1,556 churches or 1.5% gave 50% or more of total gifts to missions.

Dr. Alldredge gives us the very interesting cooperative figures as follows:

THOSE WAR-TIME GIFTS

(Per Member Gifts of Southern Baptists)

In World War I we gave as follows:

Years	Gifts to Local Expenses	Gifts to Missions & Benevolences	Total Gifts in War Times
1916	\$3.67	\$1.16	\$ 4.83
1917	4.14	1.25	5.39
1918	4.48	1.70	6.18
1919	4.73	2.47	7.20

In World War II we are giving as follows:

Years	Gifts to Local Expenses	Gifts to Missions & Benevolences	Total Gifts in War Times
1939	\$6.23	\$1.27	\$ 7.50
1940	6.58	1.33	7.91
1941	7.07	1.49	8.56
1942	7.93	1.80	9.73
1943	9.03	2.45	11.48

III

The opening session of the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign was made up of members of the steering committee. They come from practically every walk of life. The present phase of this campaign is centered in Jackson. This city is asked for \$150,000 of the \$600,000 total. Jackson should and will raise this amount. Hon. T. M. Hederman, president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, Mr. J. A. Travis, general campaign manager, Hon. Leland Speed, a co-chairman, and Mr. E. E. Laird, the other co-chairman, and others presented the objectives of the campaign.

Mississippi College students, former and present, and their many friends should rise to the last man and woman in spelling VICTORY in this campaign. The Spirit of Christ would urge us on! The memories of such presidents as Webb, Venable, Lowrey and Provine would call us to our best! The able and successful administration of the present president, Dr. D. M. Nelson, challenges us to success! In this campaign the need of training for thousands of our finest youth would amply repay us to give our best! Mississippi Baptists have the opportunity of winning thousands and we must not let that opportunity get away from us.

By invitation we attended the annual meeting of the general Convention of Negro Baptists of Mississippi. It met at Pearly Grove church in Jackson, Dr. H. H. Humes, president. We heard some good preaching, excellent singing, frequent praying, and fine reports. The Christian Negro is one of the most courteous persons to be found anywhere. Our own Convention is becoming more and more interested in their work and we look to the day when we will really be giving them worthwhile help.

We enjoyed good fellowship with a host of leading men and women in the home of our sister, Miss Geraldine McCall, as we briefly discussed India in an illustrated talk.

Rev. Clarence Palmer, who serves as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Fulton, and as associational missionary for Itawamba county, writes that the Lord has blessed their recent revival at Trinity with splendid attendance, nine additions, and one later on profession of faith. Doxology! Just as with Paul everybody does not appreciate and approve this story of New Testament work,

but His work goes along just the same.

IV

Once in a great while we hear the remark, "Preachers are the most jealous, the most unethical people to be found anywhere." We have never believed this statement nor do we believe it now. While denying the truth of that statement, we have no desire to try to build up a "holier than thou" attitude regarding the preacher. We do not feel at all he is a little god to be worshiped. We recognize his faults, our own included. Occasionally, a preacher may be impatient because somebody disagrees with him, but sometimes we suspect that it is because he deals constantly with convictions. You may meet the dictator spirit occasionally, but, in our opinion, it is few and far between. We have not heard, and we do not believe you have heard of more than one preacher in 500 or 1,000 who is immoral, and intemperate in the matter of strong drink. It is very seldom that a preacher allows himself to fill up with hate—the spirit of strife and division—simply because he is dealing with love and calling for unity on the part of his own people, and he can hardly call for one thing and practice another.

In our own experience in our ministry of 25 years, we have had the privilege of contacting some few thousand of our fine preachers, and we cannot recall a half dozen instances of bad ethics during these years. It is true that such things do not stay in our mind very much and we are happy for that. In a first revival, as we were ordaining deacons, we invited an elderly retired minister to help us. Our own father heard him trying to persuade an older deacon of the church to let him have the church, erect the proposed building, and then turn it back to the "boy" preacher. We could not despise him for this bit of bad ethics. In another meeting an older preacher was incensed and said some sharp words publicly because the church invited us rather than him to hold the revival. During these 25 years we have known only one preacher who poisonously, pitifully hated us. These are the only instances of bad ethics we think of right now. We do not believe that any other profession can excel such experiences. We do regard our own experience as rather average. We have tried to be generous when others have shown a bad attitude because we have realized our own mistakes along the way.

One simple statement of Jesus would settle such matters with preachers, other individuals and nations. It is the so-called Golden Rule: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. . . ." Matthew 7:12.

V

TAKING JESUS CHRIST SERIOUSLY

Luke 4:14-32; 10:1-24

People vary in how seriously they take different things: business, life, death, etc. If people take Jesus Christ seriously:

I. They will accept Him personally, as: 1. Prophet—God's Spokesman—Messenger. 2. Priest—High—Make Atonement—SAVIOR. 3. Potentate—Ruler—King—SOVEREIGN—Master.

II. They will accept His teaching; what He proclaimed: 1. About God—Father—"So loved"; "Sent Me." 2. About Self—Son of God—Messiah—"Christ"; Unimpeachable testimony: (1) Angels—"Unto you is born." (2) Holy Spirit—"As a dove." (3) Father—"This is My"—twice. (4) Christ—"Thou sayest"—"I am He" to blind. (5) Believers for 1900 years—hope. (6) Unbelievers "Surely this was the Son of God." (7) Demons—"I know Thee"—Tremble—nature. 3. Holy Spirit—Paraclete. 4. Satan—deceiver—destroy—kill—"Falling as." 5. Hell—gehenna—Luke 15. 6. Heaven—"Prepared place—people." 7. Man—lost—needs a Savior—can be saved.

III. Accept His Program—Task assigned. Every worthwhile business has program of action. The bigger and the better, so results. God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit have: 1. Christ "went about"—teaching, preaching and healing. 2. The seven-fold ALLS.

(1) Power and authority. (2) Places. (3) Persons saved—"Go ye." (4) Parts—earth. (5) Program—plan: preach—disciple—teach. Luke 24:46-49. (6) People no boundary lines. (7) Presence—end.

3. Southern Baptists have Program—Cooperative; seven symbols in Bible of perfection: (1) Comprehensive—State, Home and Foreign Missions; Orphanage, etc. (2) Constructive. (3) Challenging. (4) Compelling. (5) Cooperative. (6) Christ Centered. (7) Christ Honoring.

What part do you have in this? 1. Scriptural in principle. 2. Sound in policy. 3. Safe in practice. 4. Successful results. 5. Sublime in Service.

SHARE IN IT—REJOICE.—Rev. W. E. Hardy.

BECKER GOES FORWARD

The revival at Becker, June 15-20, with Rev. John Ira Hill of Union doing the preaching, resulted in 26 additions. Brother Hill taught the Book of Malachi at the morning services. As a result of the teaching of this book we launched a building program by laying upon God's altar \$3,700 toward the building of a new brick church.

When our pastor, H. H. Crisman, came to us last February, we were having only two afternoon services a month. Now we have gone to half-time, organized a W. M. S., adopted a church budget, arranged for a school bus for transportation on Sundays. Store

and adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.—Mrs. Hazel Crump, reporter.

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As the Small Rain by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., acting president of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee, is a collection of articles which originally appeared as a syndicated column in several hundred newspapers. Each article contains approximately 500 words. They are not only devotional in character, but provide outlines, materials and ideas for the construction of sermons and devotional messages. There are 98 articles and 190 pages. The price is \$1.50 and orders should be sent to the publisher, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or to the Baptist Book

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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. More associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.

GIVE HEED TO READING

How much do you read and what do you read? Some people make the complaint that they do not like to read, while others say they do not have time to read. But if we were to make an analysis we would find that these same people do read many things.

Perhaps they do not sit down and read a book that has a thousand pages in it, because they think the task would be unending. We find that these same people read very often two daily papers with its bold headlines. They subscribe to magazines which are published by their fraternal orders. They never fail to read the sports news in their papers. Many adults do not like to admit it, but they read the "funnies" with almost the same regularity as their children.

There are more than 51,000 subscribers to The Baptist Record. Work from all departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is presented in these pages. How well informed are you about the work in your state and in the regions beyond? We know that you are interested in news about people you know and from places

you know. But after scanning for those items, do you re-read the paper for information that will make you aware of the needs around us?

No pastor can ever present all the objects to which our contributions go, in a way to make us conscious of the needs; but an informed congregation has a background for his discussion.

Reading of our state paper will give us a vision of the fields so that as we read our Bibles God can show us definitely what we should do about meeting the needs of the fields.

We realize our responsibility as we try to present Baptist work in Mississippi to more than 200,000 readers (an average of four readers for every subscriber). We count it a privilege and a God-given opportunity. Won't you GIVE HEED TO READING?

PROVIDE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Bishop John F. Noll is quoted as saying that more than twenty thousand Protestants in the armed forces are taking correspondence courses in Roman Catholic beliefs.

We do not agree with many Catholic doctrines, but we do commend their zeal. They seize every opportunity to advance their own cause. Baptists and Protestants should learn from the Catholics. If they find it profitable to prepare correspondence courses for Catholic boys, Baptists should prepare Baptist courses for Baptist boys, and Catholics if they will use them.

Here is a great opportunity for our colleges and seminaries. They could encourage our service men to take college, Bible and seminary courses by correspondence.

Many service men at times have much time on their hands. Let's help them make good use of it.

DEAD TIMBER REMOVED

Recently the First church, Shreveport, La., dropped from its rolls two thousand and thirty-six names of people whose addresses were not known.

Pastors have often discussed the question of the absent and lost church members. People who move away and do not think enough of their church to make their whereabouts known and who never make any contribution to the church of which they are members are what some pastors call dead timber.

Many churches would have a better record in attendance, gifts, and organization if their rolls were not cluttered with many names that mean nothing except a line in the clerk's book.

Church membership should mean more than a name.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOSSES MEAN CHURCH LOSSES

Pastor Edward L. Byrd of Meridian in the Highland Evangel calls attention to the fact that losses or gains in the Sunday school are usually followed by gains or losses in the church membership. As he well says, this should cause us to put forth our best to enroll all we can in our Sunday schools. There are double benefits. The Sunday school grows and conversions are recorded.

His article follows:

Southern Baptists show a 52% increase in membership over the past ten years. They also show a 228,567 net gain in Sunday school enrollment during this same period.

Notice this! The following large denominations show these losses in Sunday school enrollment over the past ten years: Northern Baptist, 14 per cent; Disciples, 12 per cent; Episcopal, 19 per cent; Lutheran, 9 per cent; Methodist, 13 per cent, or a loss of 800,000; Presbyterian, U. S. A., 19 per cent; Congregational, 20 per cent.

Now observe that those who lost in Sunday school enrollment also suffered tremendous losses in church membership: Northern Baptists lost 176,000 in membership; Lutherans lost 76,000; Methodists lost 766,000 in church membership; the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., lost 308,000.

Draw the self-evident conclusion: when churches or denominations suffer losses in Sunday school enrollment, they inevitably lose in church membership! That is one good reason why we stress the work of our Sunday school! We do not rejoice that other bodies are losing ground; on the contrary, we deplore it! These revealing facts should concern us, and keep us at work!

We should not only try to get everybody in our Sunday schools, but we should prepare for them. Good teachers, good equipment and good fellowship will hold most of those enrolled.

As W. D. Hudgins put it:

Find 'em
Fetch 'em
Fix 'em
Feed 'em
Foller 'em
Finish 'em.

Appelman's Sermon Outlines and Illustrations is a book of sermon outlines gleaned during his many years' studying and proclaiming God's word. According to the author, Hyman J. Appel, man, "the large percentage of these writings are not original." They will prove extremely helpful in Bible study, in sermonizing and in preparing religious addresses. The book is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and sells for \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

NO ROOM BOYS UNLESS IT'S HORSES

Having been an employee of the express agency, the editor is still interested in watching express trains. They are fascinating things. They haul everything from precious diamonds to race horses. The other day an express train pulled into a station and ye editor got a ringside stand along side the express trucks. These trucks were loaded with oranges, clothing, household equipment, suitcases, etc. The messenger took one look at the brawny handlers and said, "Sorry boys, we have no room unless you have horses." Being somewhat familiar with the expressman's lingo we noted the irony of his statement. Then it appeared what had happened. The three express cars which might have hauled ordinary freight were filled with race horses headed for the tracks. A railroad executive told the editor that he greatly deplored the excessive use of equipment used in transporting liquor and race horses. He said that food had to wait in favor of horses and liquor.—The California Southern Baptist.

Health Board Presents Radio Series

Do you or any members of your family have a young baby in your home under a year of age? If you do you will be interested in hearing the series of radio talks on "Infant Care" which are being broadcast over WSLI each Saturday at 1:45 p. m. by the Mississippi State Board of Health. This series consists of 16 talks on subjects of interest to young mothers, such as: Tomatoes are Fine for Baby, Streamline Your Baby's Bath, Your Baby's Nurse, Your Baby's Father, Keeping Your Well Baby Well, and What Your Baby Can Do.

By writing to the Mississippi State Board of Health or by visiting your county health department a copy of the book "Infant Care" can be secured without charge and will help you in following this radio series.

Listen in regularly and learn what modern medicine can do to keep your well baby well.

The First church of Bay St. Louis, Miss., just recently going on a full-time basis, completed a revival on July 15. The revival was conducted by Rev. Paul Brooks Leath, evangelist, of Texas. There were four additions by baptism and two by letter. The church has received new missionary zeal concerning the surrounding territory. Plans have been drawn for a new \$40,000 brick building to be begun before the year is out. The pastor, John T. Dearing, Jr., is doing a great work here and his congregations are increasing each week. The W. M. U., Mrs. T. Benton Sellers, president, has organized two circles with Mrs. R. D. Robbins leader of Circle 1 and Mrs. Earl Ramond, leader of Circle 2.—May H. Edwards, reporter.

"KITS FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN" (Continued From Page One)

The Federation at One Madison Avenue, New York City.

Throughout the country local chapters and committees of the federation are cooperating while individuals and local church and other organizations help by sewing and knitting, besides sending contributions to pay for materials and to meet the costs of handling and forwarding.

As a personal touch, a postal card bearing the name and address of the donor is included in each kit. This friendship card may some day come back to the sender with a message from a mother whose child was helped and perhaps saved. A correspondence and a friendship developed between the girls and the women of America and of Europe should help to build world peace.—Oliver R. Williamson, secretary, Committee on Church Relations Save the Children Federation, One Madison Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

LET THE TRUMPETS SOUND! (Continued From Page One)

Throne calls us rather to give praise to our God, Who again has vindicated His eternal truth and righteousness.

(b) There is the Note of Penitence

We must acknowledge that God's great mercy is utterly undeserved. How true it is that even in our favoured lands His Word, His Day, His Son, have been neglected, slighted. The goodness of God shows up our sin in all its blackness. The unmerited deliverance He has granted should call us and move us to deep-est penitence.

(c) There is the Note of Advance

Trumpets sounded at times in Israel to rally the hosts to war, to give guidance in great crises, to inspire dejected men with new courage and hope. And it is the Church of God which alone can give the guidance and the inspiration the world needs in these critical days. "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound," Paul asks, "who shall prepare himself for battle?" Many today are bewildered. Many have lost hope. So God's Word to His people is, "Let the trumpets sound."—L. E. D. in the Irish Baptist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE July 29, 1945

	SS	BTU
Friendship, Pike county	146	145
Center, Union county	74	56
Liberty	163	
Hardy	94	14
Ackerman	96	
Centerville	113	60
Brookhaven, First	412	111
Corinth, Pearl River county	34	26
Falkner	157	173
Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg	186	105
West Point, First	326	80
Rocky Creek, George county	86	67
Houlka, Chickasaw county	63	37
Agricola	85	70
Wallerville	75	46
Natchez, West Side	66	60
Summit	156	115
Tupelo, Harrisburg	186	71
Beaumont, Perry county	82	31
Daniel, Jackson	152	64
Wellman, Lincoln county		78
Vicksburg, First	375	128
New Albany, First	417	202
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	478	242
Jackson, First	844	243
Jackson, Calvary	835	202
Jackson, Northside	123	67
July 22, 1945		
Friendship, Pike county	169	134
West Point, First	329	83
Dixie, Lebanon Association	76	56
Mantee	101	
Summit	161	128
Hardy	125	22

DR. SAMPEY SUGGESTS A CONFESSIONAL

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solve," "I forgive you."

In the days long ago church members who had fallen into outbreking sin would come before the church and make confession of drunkenness, profanity, or bad temper, and ask the forgiveness of the church. But this good custom is little practised in the present. We need a Baptist confessional; for we Baptists are sinners just like all our fellow Christians.

When men came to John the Baptist for baptism they came confessing their sins. Who can doubt that the individuals that were baptized by the hundreds in the River Jordan actually confessed their sins to the preacher who had called them to repentance? At Pentecost, men cried out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" The first duty was to repent, change their mind about sin and renounce it. At Ephesus, under the preaching of Paul, "Many also of them that had believed came, confessing and declaring their deeds." A great multitude renounced and abjured the practice of magical arts, sealing their renunciation by publicly burning their books.

"No man drew darker or more realistic pictures of the sins of men in the Roman Empire than did Paul. And in Ephesians he includes himself and his Christian readers in the same indictment with the sons of disobedience. But God made us alive together with Christ.

Started With the Preacher

Brethren, every Christian is a "sinner saved by grace." In preparing for an evangelistic meeting I always started with the preacher. Has some sin crept into my life? Has there been a sag in my moral and spiritual life? Has my fellowship with my Savior grown cold? How long has it been since I reminded myself that all the keys of my life belong to Him? Can I say to him truthfully, "Lord Jesus, every area of my life is under thy blessed control"? The first requisite for a successful evangelistic meeting is a genuine revival in the heart of the preacher.

I have found that a frequent reading of the great book of Scripture on which I purpose to preach, whether John or the Acts or Luke or Matthew, will assist me in my effort to get right with God. The Holy Spirit will prepare the preacher's heart to feel the keenest sympathy for persons caught in the net of sin.

At the very outset of an evangelistic meeting I confess publicly that I am a sinner, and at best a sinner saved by grace.

I refuse to preach down to people as one who no longer has a battle with the tempter. I prefer to put my arm around the man who is willing to join me in saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Opportunity for Confession

I learned to give an invitation at the close of each evangelistic service as broad as the Holy Spirit could wish, inviting persons to come forward during the singing of gospel hymns and say to the minister whatever the Holy Spirit prompted them to say. From that hour on through twenty years of evangelistic preaching one of the things the Holy Spirit has done most frequently is to send men and women, boys and girls, down to the front to confess personal sins and to ask for help in overcoming them.

In order that people may feel free

to tell me what is in their hearts, I tell them that their confession will be kept as a sacred secret, three only—God, the one confessing, and the preacher—knowing what he said. If the house is crowded and persons are standing near enough to hear what is said, I insist that they withdraw out of ear shot, so that the confession may be private.

Now for a few examples out of a thousand that I have heard.

(1) At the close of an evening service in a university, as the crowd was leaving the auditorium, a young woman approached the platform from which I spoke and said, "I must have a word with you, Sir." I invited her to step up on the platform and take a chair near mine. "I have broken all of the commandments, Sir," she said.

As I looked into her face with surprise, she continued: "I mean what I say: I have broken all the commandments. Two weeks ago a man was killed because of me."

I saw that the young woman had gone wrong morally, and that one man had murdered his rival. She said to me, "What can I do?" My reply was prompt, "You have confessed to me as Christ's ambassador for your sins. It is almost time to retire. Go to your room, and before you go to bed, kneel down and tell the whole story to the Lord Jesus and ask His forgiveness."

She rose and left the room almost running as she went to the dormitory. The next morning at the close of the service she came down close to the platform to speak to me, and I inquired, "How is it with you?" She replied, "I did what you told me, and it is so much better this morning, so much better."

A Great Savior

(2) In a service in Tennessee I had read three or four passages of scriptures naming the sins which infest human society. Toward the close of the meeting the fullback of the college football team came down to the front and gave me his hand, saying, "Preacher, I have been guilty of almost all of those things you have been reading out of that book. Is there any hope for a fellow like me?"

I replied instantly, "I have a Savior great enough to take care of your case. Will you turn it all over to Him and trust Him?" He replied instantly, "I will try, Sir." A few days later, as he was about to go on the operating table I put my hand on his shoulder and said, "Remember, it is Jesus Christ's man who is to be operated on." He replied, "I am not afraid, Sir."

(3) In the same revival a man came forward confessing his sins. He said, "I have a vile temper. Only this morning I blessed out my wife and my children. I am a slave to a vile temper." I told him that Christ Jesus would give him control of his temper, if he would place himself in His hands.

(4) I held a meeting of twelve days in a prosperous country town. My wife and I were entertained at dinner in several lovely homes, among them the home of the senior deacon. At the closing morning service he came forward and gave me his hand, saying, "Your preaching has been the most distressing I ever listened to. From your first invitation to church members to confess their sins I felt that I ought to go forward, but I have held back until now. I confess to you that my imagination is a nest of unclean thoughts, and I want to get

New Home church, Smith county: The evangelist for our revival was Rev. W. H. Woods of Oakvale. We had nine additions, eight to them by profession. The music was conducted by L. S. Stringer and Miss Grace Stribling was pianist. The church invited Brother Woods to return for the revival in August 1946. Our pastor is Rev. G. C. Carlisle.—Reporter.

The first VBS of Siwell church, Hinds county, which was held July 16-27 enrolled 45 and maintained an average attendance of 40. A mission offering of \$15.01 was made during the school. Of this amount \$11.11 was for the Cooperative Program and \$3.90 for the Baptist Orphanage. The boys and girls received 30 hours training in addition to the time usually spent in Sunday school, the faculty grew in knowledge and patience, and many unenlisted parents were contacted. The following assisted the principals: Mrs. N. C. Finch, Miss Bobby Brown (from Griffith Memorial church), Mrs. Eva Merriwether, Mrs. W. C. Ward, Mrs. C. W. McGehee, Mrs. Claudine Bridges, W. C. Ward and Miss Juanita Tann.—Nora V. Smith (B. B. I. student), principal.

rid of them."

I assured him that we preachers, like deacons, had a battle to be pure in heart, and promised to pray for him.

About two years later I read the obituary of the deacon in the Baptist state paper, and I was glad that our lives had touched, and that he tried in his closing days to live a clean Christian life.

My brethren, we must help people confess and renounce their sins. They need all the sympathy and help we can give them.

Sins of Omission

Perhaps the sins that are most infrequently confessed to God and men are the sins of omission. When I think over the events of a day and approach God in prayer I find it easy to forget the things I ought to have done but failed to do. I have often told a congregation that it is my habit to confess my sins every day, and when they look as if it surprised them that a preacher should confess his sins in the midst of a revival, I reminded them that our sins of omission are perhaps more numerous and more hurtful than our sins of commission.

Sins of indifference and neglect, sins of indolence and forgetfulness, sins of pride and presumption may outweigh all our evil deeds. When the husband and the children leave the tired wife and mother to do the drudgery alone, they are not saying ugly things to her, not striking her with the fist, but they may break her heart by their neglect. When they withhold words of love and appreciation they may bring the good woman to an early grave. Our Lord reminds us that He will say to them on His left hand, "Inasmuch as ye did it not, depart and spend eternity with a selfish devil in a hell of torment."

My brethren, we do well to join Peter in crying out, "I am a sinful man, O Lord," and to imitate Paul in his confession, "I persecuted the church of God," and listen to John as he says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us pray fervently as our Lord has taught us, "Forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors."

And somehow we must learn to confess our sins one to another and pray one for another that we may be healed of the deadly malady of sin.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Camps

To begin the day with God determines to a great extent the course of one's life for that day. The Intermediate G. A.'s knew the strength of meeting God in the morning at morning watch. The morning watch services were built around the theme following the Star Trails to greater heights in Christian living. Three hundred and seventy-three girls in Intermediate G. A. camps this year found their way to these early morning services.

There was time after measuring their spiritual lives by the standard of Christ to go to their rooms where they might prepare their rooms to meet the standard of good campers. There was room inspection every morning at 9:00 o'clock. They were graded on originality and neatness. G. A. originality budded and blossomed during this period.

The missionary inspiration was brought by Mrs. Thompson who works among the French people in Louisiana and by Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans. Their experiences among the French people and in the Rescue Mission winning people to Christ was a constant challenge to us as Christian witnesses.

One of the main things in camp is the progress of each girl toward a greater knowledge of God's word and His work. At 10:00 o'clock they began climbing G. A. Star Trails as they studied their forward steps.

Another part of growing in the knowledge of God's kingdom is studying about missionaries and mission history. Three mission study classes were taught by three who had worked as missionaries among these people. Miss Nell Taylor, now a student at the W. M. U. Training School, taught the book, "By Way of Cherokee." Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, the principal of the Training School in Chile, taught "Pray Ye." Mrs. Thompson taught "Home Missions in the New World" one week and Rev. Clovis Brantley taught it the second week.

As the sun began its descent toward the west, girls began to gather on the steps of the administration building as soft music summoned them to evening vespers. The vesper services centered around the beauty of God's world and the prayer of each heart was "God who touchest earth with beauty, make me lovely, too."

At the evening services there were pictures of missions in Africa, Y. W. A. Ridgecrest pictures, pictures of Blue Mountain College, and pictures that Miss Ogburn had taken in Chile. Miss Ogburn also told us many interesting things about her work in Chile and stirred our hearts with the needs of the people there.

The high point of camp was the coronation service on the closing night. "A King's daughter is all beautiful within," and these as they came forward to be recognized for their attainments were challenged to go forward to even greater attainments in the Kingdom of God.—Zelma Van Osdol.

Junior Girls' Auxiliary Camps

A 6:30 bell began the Junior G. A.'s

day, and activities were plentiful from then until the "lights out" bell at 9:30 p. m. The Juniors delighted the counselors and helpers by the splendid way in which they entered into these various activities. They wholeheartedly participated in the singing, morning watch services, mission study classes, assembly programs, recreation, and incidentally, eating.

The theme for the three days together was "God's Flower Garden." Three who know the mission field personally told us of God's gardens and flowers in other lands. These were Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, missionary in Chile; Margaret Mein, daughter of missionaries to Brazil; and Miss Mary Ellen Wooten, now a member of the faculty of the W. M. U. Training School, but for two years a worker in the mission field of Burma. The mission classes afforded opportunity for the girls to learn about more of God's human flowers from such books as "Jumping Beans," "They All Began to Sing," "Heroes of Home Missions," and "Indian Blankets."

Because the mornings were so busy, the quiet hour following lunch was always welcomed. Most of the afternoon was given over to swimming, folk songs, games, and other recreation, all of which the Juniors looked forward to and enjoyed greatly. The missionary message and other special numbers were featured at the night service and the day closed with a devotional period in the separate camp auxiliaries.

The highlight of each camp was the coronation service on the last night. It was then that the girls were publicly recognized for the diligent study they had done in their G. A. back home. Each of these services was a challenge and an inspiration. A total of approximately 35 Queens was crowned and over half the girls in camp took part in one of these lovely coronations.

The five Junior camps enrolled 863 of God's Mississippi flowers, promising young buds who will develop into radiant, fragrant blossoms with the proper cultivation. Well planned, spirit filled camps such as these are rich experiences with which your girls can grow into beautiful young womanhood. Camps pay!—Nell Taylor.

THE CHALLENGE OF ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS

Certainly no part of the day's program is more appreciated than the periods each day when all assemble to hear the messages of the camp pastors and the missionaries. These messages are prepared for boys. The pastor seeks to make the plan of salvation clear, and he challenges the boys, through the Word of God, to live completely surrendered to the will of Christ. How thrilling to hear a boy say, "I choose Jesus and want to follow Him wherever He leads."

Our camp pastors, who rendered such splendid work this summer, were Rev. Chester Quarles, Leland; Rev. Winfred Moore, Tupelo; Dr. Walter Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. L. R. Alford, Mt. Olive; Rev. Dolfus Hardin, Meridian; Rev. R. S. Crawford, Van Winkle, Jackson.

How can we describe the blessings

Witty And Smith Are Revival Team At Fayette



R. G. WITTY



C. E. SMITH

On July 6, Rev. Robert Gee Witty and Layman C. E. Smith came to the Fayette Baptist Church for revival services. There were twenty members added to the church in this week's meeting, sixteen by baptism.

Bro. Smith is superintendent of schools of Meadville. He brings real spiritual blessings as he conducts the music and brings special messages in song. The young people were captivated by his jovial good humor.

Bro. Witty is the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. His sincerity and force-

fulness found its way into the hearts of the Fayette folk. The morning services were a source of spiritual growth and many Christians found themselves drawn closer to the Master. Evangelistic services were held in the evening.

The effects of this meeting will live long after these men of God are gone from our midst. Some of the results are increased interest in the work of the church, increased weekly offerings, increased burden of prayer, and a general challenge to live close to Him who died for us.

Bro. Lowrey Compere of Northside Jackson, did the preaching in a revival at County Line, Copiah Association, July 15-20. There were six additions for baptism, three of them a father and two of his children in their teens.—L. C. Hoff, pastor.

derived from the personal contact with our beloved missionaries? Their testimonies and stories of the saving and transforming power of Christ made our hearts rejoice. Yet as we heard the accounts of the needs of the people, we realized how little we have done toward carrying out His Commission. Our camp missionaries were Rev. Lawrence Thibadeaux, Thibadeaux, Louisiana, a home missionary to the French of Louisiana; Rev. H. C. Lacerda, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at present a student in the United States; Rev. J. H. Ware, missionary to China; Rev. Lewis Hancock, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma, and Rev. Albert Bagby, missionary to Brazil.

We are grateful to Him for the blessings of the camps recently past and prayerfully look forward to the time when facilities and conditions will permit hundreds of other boys to receive the blessings of Royal Ambassadors.

During the first week in July the Louisville Baptist Church enjoyed a good revival meeting with Dr. Claud B. Bowen of Jackson doing the preaching, and Rev. Percy Renick, pastor of Ellison Ridge church, Winston county, as the singer. As a result of eight days of evangelistic effort thirty-six new members were received into the church. There were twenty-one on profession of faith, fourteen by letter and one by statement. Dr. Bowen's messages were Bible-centered and preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. Brother Renick handled the music in a masterful way, and with his splendid solo voice contributed much to the success of these days. We feel that our work generally is greatly strengthened as result of the revival.—Mrs. Wm. H. Hight, publicity chairman.

It was my privilege recently to assist Rev. R. O. Bankston in a revival series at Concord church, Noxubee county. The spirit of cooperation in this good rural church is fine. They love their pastor and are working together in a fine way. Seven were added to the membership with splendid attendance throughout the week.

NEEDED

... another residence hall at BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE. The Demand for admission for the 1945-1946 session by young women is so great that more than one hundred choice girls must be turned away due to lack of dormitory space. A gift of such a dormitory could be a memorial to an individual or a family. Within the building rooms, halls, and wings could be memorials to individuals.

Consider this possibility when making income tax returns this fall.

Lawrence T. Lowrey, President
Blue Mountain College

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for August 5 ISAAC'S HERITAGE

Bible Lesson: Genesis 21-24

I. His Birth. Gen. 21:1-8.

It came in due time. God had promised Isaac to Abraham, and God always keeps His promises. These promises are not fulfilled in such time as shall always please those to whom they are made. God's due time may be a long way off, and we may be impatient to have the promise fulfilled; but God will not be moved from His firm purpose by any childish whim or impatient desire of ours. Let us learn to await God's time, knowing that He will send the fulfillment of His promise upon us when it best behooves our interest to do so. So Isaac was born in God's good time and grew according to the purpose of God.

II. His Half-Brother is Banished. Gen. 21:9-21.

Poor Ishmael! He had been the heir of all the name and fame and wealth of Abraham! And suddenly there is this baby Isaac! His after life might lend color to the guess that he was a rather effeminate child, "a mamma boy" who kept about the tent and shunned the harsher exercises and experiences of the hardier lads of the tribe. Ishmael may have been and certainly was a hardy, healthy, athletic youth who romped and ran and leaped and shouted for the very joy of living. Now he sees the weakling preferred because, forsooth, he was the son of a different woman. And the fierce heart of Ishmael leapt with angered contempt for the other. What words he used or what grimaces he made or what laughter he indulged were observed by Isaac's mother, and her proud heart was stirred against the lad who made light of her boy. So Ishmael and his mother must be cast out of the camp. Two contentious women waging combat over their children are too much for the same family. So God commanded Abraham to send Ishmael and his mother away. It was better so all around. Ishmael would never have developed into the strong man of the desert as a slave and the son of a slave.

III. His Father's Patient Fair-Dealing. 21:22-34.

It is a great thing for a boy to be able justly to be proud of his father. For a lad to have and to be able to remember a father who would suffer wrong at the hands of menials and then make a lasting peace with their master as Abraham did with Abimelech is a matter strengthening to the heart of anyone who owns that treasure.

Of course the land belonged to Abraham by will of God, but the will had not yet gone into effect, and Abraham was living on the land as a stranger and sojourner, so he must make agreement with the possessors of the land for grazing rights and water rights as well. But we must not fail to note how careful Abraham was to give glory to His God for the goodness shown him in this goodly land. Abraham might have pouted and said that God had dealt hardly with him in not giving him possession of the land at once, in not smiting the man who opposed his enjoyment of full

possession of the land; but Abraham patiently awaited God's appointed time.

IV. He is Offered in Sacrifice. Gen. 22.

"Oh, but he was not!" Oh, but he was! In the purpose of Abraham the deed was accomplished, and he gave up his son to God. He subjected Abraham to a test under which Abraham proved to be wholly devoted to God, and He accepted that devotion in measure as full as though the deed commanded had been performed. Always that is God's way. He looks upon the heart and beholds the genuineness of its love for Him, and He then rewards that love with His own favor.

V. His Mother Passes. Gen. 23.

Sarah was a good mother to Isaac. "But she drove Hagar and Ishmael out!" The love of the best mother for her child brooks no rival in that zone. It is hers by nature to do battle to the death for her child, and only the false mother will refuse to do it. Unreasonably jealous of anything which threatened the happiness of her boy, and passionately devoted to the destruction of that thing, she thereby demonstrated her uncompromising love for her boy. But she must go the way of all the earth, and the time for her departure came. Her old husband purchased for her a grave in the land which God had bequeathed him.

VI. His Bride Comes to Him. Gen. 24.

Read this fine love story. See how God guides the messenger of Isaac to the girl who was to be his wife and the mother of Israel, a Price with God. Find in the story the providence God and the presence of God and the revelation of God. Find in it the reward of the servant who follows the leadership of God, asks the guidance of God, and accepts the plan of God.

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MRS. NOLIA POPE LUTER

Whereas, on January 29, 1945, God called unto Himself the spirit of our beloved co-worker, Mrs. Nolia Pope Luter, and

Whereas, Mrs. Luter was a faithful member of the Dinan church and for years one of its untiring workers, having been a charter member, and

Whereas, we think not of our loved one as loved one and friend who has gone, but that we think of her as one who has been transplanted to a fairer clime, where the flowers she loved are blooming eternally and that even now being freed from pain and care she is enjoying them in all their beauty and fragrance.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that we bow humbly to the will of God, thankful for her life. Second, that we extend to her husband and son and other loved ones our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him who knows what is best for His children. Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy retained for the church, one sent to The Baptist Record and to the Tylertown Times for publication.

Lovingly submitted by

MRS. HOSEA LUTER,
MRS. CARLOS OWENS,
MRS. JIMMIE MAGEE,
Committee.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

August 6—Dr. Richard Trott, Blue Mountain College faculty.

August 7—John D. Davis, Convention Board member, Deer Creek Association; Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, associational superintendent, W. M. U. District 8.

August 8—D. L. Fair, Blue Mountain College trustee.

August 9—Rev. J. F. Measells, Monroe County Convention Board member.

August 10—Dr. Claud Bowen, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

August 11—Mrs. I. L. Tolar, chairman W. M. U. District 8.

August 12—Mrs. W. L. Wilson, W. M. U. associational chairman, Yazoo county.

—BR—

Morrison Chapel church, Bolivar county, recently completed a successful VBS with an average attendance for the week of 50 pupils. The principal was Pastor J. W. Sturdivant. He was assisted by the following workers: Mrs. Frances MacMurray, Mrs. Bob Brinson, Mrs. William McCool, Mrs. E. L. Stanton, Mrs. R. V. Hudson, Mrs. J. V. Rozier, Mrs. Bob Crosby, Mrs. J. B. Shoops, Mrs. D. O. Blaylock, Miss Pauline Fletcher, Mrs. Ira Stewart, Mrs. Elmer Hudson and Miss Eva Blaylock.—Reporter.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS CONTINUE ON THE MARCH! MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

MONTHLY REPORT—SOUTHWIDE FUNDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary

JUNE, 1945

RECEIPTS

	Program	Designated	H. T. Club	Centennial Offering	Total
Special	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Alabama	22,920.24	4,457.50	3.00	---	27,377.74
Arkansas	9,473.47	274.11	---	---	9,747.58
Arizona	737.38	330.82	---	---	1,068.20
California	---	323.57	---	218.97	542.54
D. C.	2,000.00	500.00	---	410.59	2,910.59
Florida	13,556.08	6,213.42	---	2,249.04	22,018.54
Georgia	17,876.06	5,480.51	---	*7,226.26	30,582.83
Illinois	5,712.24	2,031.72	---	---	7,743.96
Kentucky	25,626.27	2,154.38	---	12,321.85	40,102.50
Louisiana	11,995.35	2,460.95	---	5,013.07	19,469.37
Maryland	3,043.36	---	---	---	3,043.36
Mississippi	20,587.75	7,391.52	---	---	27,979.27
Missouri	17,232.48	4,704.01	---	---	21,936.49
New Mexico	---	---	---	---	---
North Carolina	31,603.14	9,324.84	---	799.75	41,727.73
Oklahoma	19,284.82	3,225.95	---	---	22,510.77
South Carolina	20,105.36	426.24	---	8,457.57	28,989.17
Tennessee	47,966.82	6,002.64	---	---	53,969.46
Texas	---	19,352.04	---	---	19,352.04
Virginia	49,172.81	---	---	---	49,172.81
Total Mo.	\$ 318,893.63	\$ 74,654.22	\$ 3.00	\$ 36,697.10	\$ 430,247.95
Year to date	1,830,068.55	1,292,219.19	2,870.97	90,495.15	3,215,653.86
1944 to date	1,273,634.73	1,135,272.30	11,082.53	---	2,419,989.56

*—\$1,100 Designated.

DISBURSEMENTS

	Current Month	Year to date
HTC FUND (R&A BOARD)	3.00	2,870.97
S. B. C. Budget Fund	9,566.82	54,902.11
Foreign Mission Board	202,547.40	1,689,000.28
Home Mission Board	110,706.52	864,735.69
Relief and Annuity Board	50,489.19	278,942.58
Southern Baptist Hospital	75.67	206.65
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	16,454.57	92,423.08
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	15,326.67	89,893.39
Baptist Bible Institute	15,120.83	88,469.98
W. M. U. (Training School and Designated)	3,346.70	18,356.62
American Baptist Theological Seminary	6,610.58	35,654.79
Miscellaneous	---	197.72

Total \$430,247.95 \$3,215,653.86

NOTE: You will notice that Southern Baptists gave four times as much through Cooperative Program to various causes as they designated. You will further note that Mississippi Baptists gave three times as much from the Cooperative Program to various causes as they designated. While Baptists are not winning people to Christ as they should, and they are not giving anywhere close to a tithe of their income, they do not believe a picture such as the above presents any particular happiness to Satan and his forces, or to the destructive critic from without or within the denomination.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi

MY FAVORITE SERMON

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is your life? Is it worth living? Do you plan to live your life just as you are living it today? Some would have us believe that we came from nowhere and that we are not going anywhere after life in this world. But Longfellow was right—"Life is real! Life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal." We are persuaded that more important than making a living is the responsibility of living a life. A real life is earth's greatest asset. But certainly we will do well to keep in mind that "if" has much to do with our lives. Why, even the word LIFE has an "if" in the middle—L-IF-E. Let us take the letters in life and use them in our outline:

I. The LONGEVITY of Life.

Life in this world is brief. "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The Psalmist reminds us that our years "are like grass which groweth up in the morning . . . in the evening it is cut down and withereth." Thomas A. Edison said, "Time is the most precious thing in the world." Someone has written a book entitled "How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day." And many of us often say, "Time flies."

Life is so brief that if a person is fifteen years of age it is nine o'clock by the clock of life. If one is thirty, it is midday and the sun is high over head. If 45, the sun is well on its descent in the western horizon. Before long it will set. If you are to do your best in life, you must begin now because even God has no plan to accomplish as much with a part of your life as with all of it. God has a purpose for your life. No other person in the world can fill your place. It will be tragic if you live your life and do not accomplish the purpose for which you were born. Jesus could say in Pilate's hall, "To this end was I born, for this cause came I into the world."

II. The INTELLIGENCE of Life.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." How do you think, or do you? The majority today let others do their thinking for them. A noted psychologist says that 95% of people think an aimless, gossipy flow of ideas and only 5% aim definitely and definitely arrive at conclusions. The church today needs members who will think straight. To think straight is to think with God. To think with God is to follow the will of God. To follow the will of God will fulfill the purpose of God. And he who does these things will at the end of the way receive the Master's "well done."

Jesus always thought with His Father even when it meant the cross and death. Paul learned to think with God. He even dared to follow God's will though he suffered much (II Cor. 11:24-28), but before he gave his life he wrote to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." How do you think?

III. The FULNESS of Life.

Everyone wants to be happy and get the most from life. To get the best from life one must make the right choices. Character must be placed above cash. We must learn that though there are substitutes for gold there is none for God. Life demands that we be something. To be something is more important than having something. Too many today have everything to live with and

POSTWAR MISSIONS PRESENTS WORLD SCOPE

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schedules from our country to all world centers. Within another year or two it will be nothing unusual for men and women—whatever their activities—to leave airports in New York, Miami, or San Francisco, and, within forty-eight hours, disembark at the most remote point on this globe. It will be no longer possible for any country to be isolated. The radio has placed the whole world on a party line.

2. We have a new understanding and appreciation for world missions. Until this war carried our sons and daughters to every land many of us had very hazy ideas concerning mission work inaugurated years ago in the Southwest Pacific. Not long ago we began hearing from our loved ones who were writing from New Guinea, the Solomons, the Carolines, the Fijis, the New Hebrides; from China, India, Africa, and they were telling us about the miracles of grace wrought by the Spirit of God through the missionaries.

3. The war has opened doors hitherto closed. The day these words were written a message came from Russia nothing to live for.

Too long we have sought the easy way instead of God's way. We have tried to excuse ourselves by saying that things are in a bad way and that we were only an individual; therefore, we can do nothing about it. It is time that we learned that one individual plus God constitutes a majority in any field of endeavor. If we are to get the most from life we must give God first place in our lives. If we do this we will not only separate ourselves from every known sin but we will separate ourselves unto the Lord. Christ will be Lord of all or He will not be Lord at all.

IV. The ETERNITY of Life.

At the outset it was stated that life is brief. And so it is in this sinful world, but the soul is eternal. We had no choice in being born. We had no part in choosing our parents, our nation, or even the place or time of our birth. And yet when we were born, God gave to each of us an immortal soul. Where that soul spends eternity is up to its owner. That soul is an individual responsibility.

God can get along without me but I dare not try to get along without Him. Maybe we have come to feel that we are constantly breaking the commandments of God. The truth is the person who lives in this manner is breaking himself. The commandments of God are eternal.

Evangelist Vance Hayner suggests that there are three false theories of living:

(a) Things—Yet "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

(b) Thrills—"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" (I Tim. 5:6). Some are dead and do not know it.

(c) Theories—Still "The world by wisdom knew not God" (I Cor. 1:21).

Life consists of truth. Jesus said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Pilate said, "What is truth?" And many today are asking the same question. But Paul wrote, "For me to live is Christ." For you to live is what? Do you know why you were born? What is your life?

mania, transmitted through the State Department, advising us that a decree had recently been signed in Bucharest, according to Baptists official standing as a "cult," recognizing them as a historic religion, and granting them privileges hitherto denied them.

4. We have new opportunities for service. Recently, Dr. John R. Mott, in a conference with the staff of the Foreign Mission Board, called our attention to what we regard as one of the greatest evangelistic opportunities of our age—ministering to prisoners of war, more than six million of whom are now behind barbed wire fences. Two organizations have access to prisoners on both sides of the conflict—the International Red Cross and the International Y. M. C. A., the one ministering primarily to the bodies, the other to the minds and hearts of these prisoners. Already hundreds of thousands—even millions—of copies of the Bible, New Testament, or portions of the Scriptures have been distributed among the prisoners of war. With this new era, the Christian laymen in every land will have a larger part in the tasks of reconstruction.

5. After this war there will be a stronger sense of nationalism. The whole world has been leavened by the ideals of democracy. Never before have so many kings lost their thrones. Imperialism is losing its power. Nations are asserting their rights. Henceforth, missionaries will serve as advisors and associates in service. Mission programs will be directed largely by national Christians.

6. The world-wide interest in the campaigns to increase the percentage of literacy. The movement begun several years ago in the Philippines by Dr. Frank C. Laubach is enlisting the support of many nations. According to the International Review of Nations: The government of Ecuador has adopted measures which amount to the conscription of literate adults in a national literacy campaign. In Mexico, where illiteracy is already on the decline, the government has set the date—February 1946—by which, with the help of every literate adult between nineteen and sixty years of age, illiteracy will have been eliminated altogether. "The inarticulate millions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are beginning to speak." "The most far-reaching result of the war so far as Africa is concerned," says Bishop Arthur Moore in "Christ After Chaos," "lies in the fact that the ideas let loose by the war have penetrated the continent and produced stirrings of discontent and hope. Even Africa begins to dream of 'the four freedoms' for herself. . . ."

These are some of the conditions we face. What shall we do about it?

Conditions Bring Opportunities

1. Millions of men, women, and children—especially the children—are dying for lack of food, shelter, and raiment. Never in the history of the world have so many people been hungry and shelterless. If we love Christ we are under inescapable obligation to minister to these needy multitudes. We must have a worthy part in relief programs.

"Children drop by the roadside in China and die of starvation because there is not enough rice to mix with the mud which they eat." Children wander the highways of India begging at every orphanage, hospital or mission station. Children of Europe are starved by the blockades of civilized nations until they are not able to go

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., Memphis; Chaplain and Mrs. Warren E. Ferguson, Vardaman; Dr. H. L. Martin, Senatobia; Rev. J. H. Kyyzar, Larens, S. C.; Sgt. Roland U. Paris, Foster General Hospital, Jackson; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Crystal Springs; Chaplain James A. Bryant, Crystal Springs; J. L. Boyd, Union; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Chaplain James E. Southerland, Jackson air base; Rev. J. Hubert Hammett, Crystal Springs.

Dr. H. M. Harris preached on Sunday, July 15 and the week following. Dr. W. L. Holcomb preached for our revival at White Oak. We had seven additions. Services were held in the new church. We plan for the dedication of the church on the fifth Sunday in September rather than the fifth Sunday in July.—D. W. Moulder.

to school and sit at their benches. American children's souls are starved as they are victimized by the pressures and tensions of broken homes."

2. We dare not neglect the opportunity to give material and spiritual aid to prisoners of war. Again we hear the voice of the Master: "I was in prison and ye came unto me."

3. We must reinforce our brothers and sisters in the mission fields which we have already occupied—from some of which we have been forced to withdraw for a season. Open doors and adversaries are the essence of the missionary task.

4. Our message will be unchanged—salvation from sin by the grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ who died for us. But our approach, our methods, will be revised. There is no other name except the name of Jesus by which men can be saved, but the world is moving at a faster speed and we must catch the ear and eye of the hurrying throngs. Primarily, by proclamation by the printed page, the cinema, the radio, the ministration to the body and mind in the name of Jesus, we must get the world's attention. Evangelism, which touches every area and activity of life will have its supreme opportunity in the days ahead.

5. We must help our stricken brethren and sisters rebuild. It will not be enough to replace buildings. We must help them to plan for a larger, more dynamic evangelistic and missionary program. We must help them to discover their own resources. To quote again from the International Review of Missions: "It will be a real disaster if the church is too poor to prepare its ministers, both ordained and lay; if it cannot produce the literature which is needed; if it is hampered in its evangelism; and if it cannot organize its youth on an adequate scale."

Financial Debt Paid; Debt to Humanity Unpaid

The Foreign Mission Board, having paid its debt to the bankers, is preparing to pay its debt to the starving, sin-stricken multitudes of the earth. It is impossible to picture the desolation we shall face when this war closes. We must give relief, we must help to rebuild, we must give the helping hand to our brothers in all of our mission fields, we must send reinforcements to all of these lands. One or two or even three millions of dollars will not be sufficient to meet these urgent, these imperative needs. We dare not wait until that day comes to get ready, else we shall be like the foolish virgins and find doors shut in our faces.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
W. R. ROBERTS, Associate
Elementary Secretary



Miss Allene Bryan

Miss Allene Bryan, Primary leader of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is coming to Mississippi the week of August 5-10 for some Primary work in Calhoun county. Miss Carolyn Madison, state Sunday school elementary secretary, will accompany Miss Bryan that week.

These two fine elementary workers are giving that week to some special Primary work among the rural churches of that county. Each night they will have classes in the Baptist church at Bruce, and then each day they will be in different rural churches for conferences with the Primary workers.

Rev. J. H. Sherman, associational missionary for Calhoun and Pontotoc counties, will arrange the daily schedule of churches, and will also be in the party making this tour.

The Leland Mission

The Leland Baptist Church, Rev. C. L. Quarles, pastor, recently organized a mission Sunday school near by. They have had on several Sundays more than 100 present; have had 24 additions, 21 by baptism; have had a Vacation Bible school with revival at night, and now have more than \$700 for a building which they hope to erect soon.

That's business for the Lord in the right way and in the right place. Many missions have been organized within recent months; and many more should be soon. We can reach the people if we go where they are.

Cradle Roll and Nursery

The group of children in a community of the ages birth through three is cared for in Sunday school by the Cradle Roll and Nursery departments. The Cradle Roll department is for those children birth through three years of age who do not attend Sunday school; the Nursery department (or departments) for those children birth through three years of age who do attend Sunday school. One department has as its work that of home visitation only, while the other has the work at the church on Sunday as well as whatever visitation may be necessary.

These departments—for this same age group: birth through three—give a school an unparalleled opportunity to help not only the children, but

also the fathers and mothers, and other children older than this age, many of whom have never confessed Christ. And yet, there are today hundreds of schools without Cradle Roll and Nursery departments. That means that the children of this age have no place for them in the school, and no provision made for helping them at this very early age of their lives.

The Sunday School Board is giving free literature for every Cradle Roll and Nursery organized. Any school can have these departments by simply getting a superintendent and as many other helpers as needed, and then go about the work of visiting the prospects and explaining the plan of work to the parents, who are usually more than glad to have the babies join.

Since all people in all age groups come through the birth through three age, it means that the Cradle Roll and Nursery departments are feeders for all the other departments of the school. By starting with them at this early age we have them all their days, and then we also have the happy and joyous privilege of enlisting and winning parents who are not enlisted and won to the Lord.

Therefore, we urge each school to organize a Cradle Roll and also a Nursery for the babies birth through three. Write us for the free literature offered when you organize.

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Hon. Needham Y. Gulley, founder and for 50 years a teacher in the Wake Forest (N. C.) School of Law, died June 24 at the age of 91. "It is estimated," stated the Biblical Recorder in reporting his death, "that 40 per cent of the practicing attorneys in North Carolina read law under Dr. Gulley."—Western Recorder.

Rev. C. M. Day of Pontotoc and former army chaplain has been called to the pastorate of the First church, Durant. He has accepted and will move to the new field in the near future. He succeeds Rev. J. Niles Puckett, who resigned to accept a position on the faculty of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

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Mississippi College Paragraphs

By President D. M. Nelson

The brethren have been very thoughtful and co-operative in providing the opportunity of presenting Mississippi College to our people. We began the month at Canton, about which visit we have already written. On the second Sunday we were with Dr. O. P. Moore's people at Moorhead and spoke to a sympathetic audience. There we found W. B. Horton, of the class of 1928, serving his first year as president of Sunflower Junior College and getting off to a good start. As do most Mississippi College graduates, he had also found a place of leadership in the church and was making his influence felt there. He presided at the service and presented the speaker. Dr. Moore is of the class of 1936. He and his faithful companion have a warm place in the hearts of the people.

The third Sunday found us among the people of our long-time friend, Dr. L. Bracey Campbell (class of 1919) at Marks and in the hospital home of Peyton and Mrs. Self. Peyton Self was a student in Mississippi College with the writer back at the turn of the century. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees of our college and has always been greatly interested in its welfare. He is a man of large business interests, yet his interest in his church and denomination has not lessened. In the absence of the pastor, he presided at the service and presented the speaker after speaking some warm words about our college. Charles Gunter, of the class of 1935, a son of Dr. R. B. Gunter (1907), is the choir director and is doing a most excellent job. There were other Mississippi College men and women in the congregation, playing their part well and

reflecting honor and credit on Mississippi College.

The fourth Sunday we were privileged to deliver the sermon to the graduates and their friends at the close of the summer school at Wiggins. Miss Pauline Lambright, of the class of 1933, is the principal. There were nine young men and young women in the class. The church was filled with interested friends and loved ones. While this is the first session for Miss Lambright at Wiggins, she has created a splendid school spirit and the people are highly commending her as a leader for the best things in the community.

As a preliminary step to the launching of our Enlargement Program in the city of Jackson, a luncheon meeting was held at the Hotel Walthall last Friday in which about sixty of the outstanding business and professional women participated. As many of these as time would permit brought brief messages of appreciation of Mississippi College. All of them by a rising vote pledged their loyalty and support to the Enlargement Program and agreed to serve on the steering committee. It would have done your soul good, as it did ours, to hear the testimony of these builders of Jackson to the worth and influence of the work of our dear old college. Leland Speed, the mayor of Jackson, who is also chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, and E. E. Laird (class of 1914), president of the Chamber of Commerce of Jackson, have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the Jackson campaign for funds. Things are looking up. Mississippi College is on the march and victory is in the air!

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More Japanese have been won to Christ since Pearl Harbor by our workers in Hawaii than had been won in Japan during many years prior to the war. Recently another new Baptist church was organized in the Islands.—Western Recorder.

Mississippi Baptists' 1944 Baptisms By Associations

Above 200		Tate	
Hinds-Warren	686	Gulf Coast	136
Pike	442	Panola	133
Jones	408	Lafayette	125
Deer Creek	401	Tallahatchie	121
Union County	351	Rankin	120
Lincoln	344	Clay	117
Lauderdale	324	Walthall	114
Jackson	294	Perry	112
Lee	294	Carroll	111
Alcorn	284	Tishomingo	106
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Copiah	277	Leake	104
Bolivar	273	Greene	104
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Simpson	257	Mississippi	97
Columbus	246	Oktibbeha	96
Pontotoc	213	Yazoo	95
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Attala	199	Yalobusha	89
Smith	198	Marshall	88
Winston	197	Choctaw	85
Pearl River	191	DeSoto	83
Adams-Franklin	189	Wayne	82
Neshoba	180	Montgomery	78
Calhoun	180	Union	77
Scott	177	Covington	72
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Zion	166	Holmes	71
Leflore	159	Grenada	64
Lawrence	157	Jasper	60
Newton	154	Kemper	49
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Marion	141	Noxubee	48
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Note: We regret reports not in hand from four associations.

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Without Looking! What is the Training Union Theme for 1945?

All of our program material, all of the articles in the Magazine, all associational Training Union programs for this year have been built around the general theme for the year! What is it? Can you say (without looking)? Baptist Principles for a Better World. Yes, that is it, and how timely. Five remaining months in which to stress this important truth. Study every program. Get outside material to supplement the programs if you like, but be sure these principles are thoroughly understood, and appreciated by all Training Union members when 1945 becomes history. Our general theme for 1946 will be "Christ Above All."

We Are Driving Toward Our Goal

We set some pretty high goals for 1945 but we are driving right on toward them. One was that we would issue 15,000 study course awards in Mississippi this year. The first half of the year gave us over 8,000, so if we do as well the last half we will reach that goal. This can be done by the churches that cooperated in making the 8,000 for the first half of the year possible. If each union that had a study course in the spring will have one this fall these churches alone will make our goal possible. Of course there are a number of churches that have only one study course a year (we wish they'd have at least two) and have it in the fall. They will have a part in helping to reach this 15,000 goal. We are on our way, come along with us. Another goal we set was to have 500 churches in the state to have at least one study course. The first part of the year gave us a few over 200. This means that a lot of churches not accustomed to having a study course will need to have one this year. May we make a two-fold appeal here! If your church has not had a study course use your influence in getting one arranged. Offer to teach it yourself. If your church has had one and you know of a church that has not had one, be a good missionary, arrange with that church to cooperate with us in this goal for the year. Say you have never taught a study course! Do you realize that everything you know how to do had to be done the first time! Yes, you can be a great blessing as you help some other church get started in the study course business.

I Asked a Question and Got a Six-Fold Answer

Question: How can the Training Union in your church be brought to its best?

Answer: 1. Provide an informed, capable, growing, and spiritual leadership in every department and unit of organization.

2. Provide an adequate program of training with a view to enlist every member of the church.

3. Make the best possible use of the executive committee meeting and officers council or planning meeting.

4. Plan each phase of Sunday evening's activities to result in definite worship experiences for all.

5. Emphasize and expect reverence.

6. Plan carefully a complete Training Union Calendar of Activities. Include definite extension and mis-

sionary projects in order to provide opportunities for members to develop in Christian service.

7. Provide an adequate time schedule each Sunday evening.

8. Cooperate with all local and denominational activities.

9. Make Jesus Christ the very center of every Training Union activity.

Question: Is it possible to carry out these above suggestions?

Answer: Yes, if one's interest as leader is sufficient, and his faith in the Lord complete. The Training Union is not a "man made" organization, being of spiritual origin, spiritual means must be employed in its promotion.

That Associational Fellowship Meeting

August will find many of our associational Training Unions rallying the forces for a great outdoor fellowship program. A picnic of some kind, with games well planned, and fun aplenty. What is finer than Christian fellowship? This is a fine way for members of the different churches to get acquainted. We see each other in regular church meetings, but here have little opportunity to get acquainted except with the leaders. In an informal social gathering things are different. Already several of our associations have told us that they have already planned their social. If you can, be sure to attend the one in your association. Call your associational director and ask him when and where yours will be.

Kill that summer slump with a summer hump!!

Carthage: During August morning worship services a series of sermons on "Gospel Messages from Golden Chapters of the Bible" will be preached by Dr. William Potter.

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LAUDERDALE ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

An associational Brotherhood organization for Lauderdale county had a most inspiring beginning in a meeting held with the Highland Baptist Church on July 19. Arrangements for the meeting were made by Dr. Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church and members of the Highland Brotherhood. E. H. Richie was very active in initiating the plans for the gathering and in engineering many of the preparations for the occasion.

Seventy-five men, representing five churches, gathered for an interesting evening of social fellowship and spiritual inspiration under the leadership of the Highland organization. Churches represented were: Eighth Avenue, Forty-First Avenue, South Side, Highland and Fifteenth Avenue. Ministers present were: Dr. W. A. Roper, Dr. E. L. Byrd, Dr. Paul G. Horner, new pastor of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, new associational missionary for Lauderdale county; Rev. Rowell, and Rev. E. F. Graeser, pastor of the Eighth Avenue Baptist Church.

The program began with a period of inspirational hymn-singing in the delightfully cooled auditorium under the leadership of Vance Collum. President Lewis Wilson of the host Brotherhood, welcomed the group. Miss Alice Virginia Moss was the pianist.

Promptly at 8:00 the men were ushered into the lower auditorium where a beautiful and bountiful banquet awaited. Rev. E. F. Graeser was the resourceful toastmaster. The ladies of the Highland church served the meal in their characteristically winsome manner.

After the banquet, the men were invited again into the main auditorium of the church where the program of the evening was held. Dr. Byrd introduced the program with an expression of appreciation of the many services rendered by the Brotherhood in his church. He mentioned several matters in which he said the pastor is ordinarily expected to lead,

but in which the local Brotherhood was taking the lead. He also said that it was his hope that the associational organization which was to be formed would be a model of the type required for the successful promotion of the work in the state.

Secretary J. H. Street was presented. He expressed great pleasure in the initiative that was being taken by the Highland church and the men of Lauderdale county; and echoed the hope expressed by Dr. Byrd that the Lauderdale group would become a model Brotherhood agency.

Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, was then presented. He spoke on the definition of a Brotherhood: "A Brotherhood is a group of consecrated men promoting the whole program of the church and of the denomination, and trying to get every other man in their church to do the same thing." Mr. Cooke emphasized each part of this definition, telling many appropriate stories illustrating all points in his message. His address was most inspiring and was happily and enthusiastically received.

A committee was appointed to set the time and place for the next associational meeting and to bring nominations for officers of the associational Brotherhood.

Carthage: On July 22 we had three professions of faith and one addition by letter. Four were baptized at the evening service. Since June 10 we have had 18 additions to the church.—Wm. Potter, pastor.

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Louisville Seminary Items

News of interest about 1945 graduates of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville:

Wendell K. Arnote, Kansas City, Mo., is now educational director of Park Avenue church, Nashville, Tenn., where he has set up a five-choir arrangement. . . . William R. Estep, Jr., of Williamsburg, Ky., is pastor of First church, Cold Springs, Ky. . . . Elroy Lamb, Frankfort, Ky., is a chaplain in the navy, in training at Williamsburg, Va. . . . Cullen B. Crook, Pauline, S. C., is pastor of Highland Park Second church, Louisville. . . . Selbert H. Haley, England, Ark., is pastor of Union church, a rural church near El Dorado, Ark., which now has 400 members.

Thomas L. Rich, Jr., Garland, N. C., is a naval chaplain in training at Williamsburg, Va. . . . Audrey L. Meacham, Hopkinsville, Ky., is pastor of First church, Dawson Springs, Ky. His church recently raised funds to build a parsonage. . . . Returning to the seminary for graduate work will be: D. W. Deere, Malvern, Ark.; Eugene Wendell Dally, DuQuoin, Ill.; B. Orman McDonald, Meridian, Miss.; Rober H. Crook, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Ralph Norton, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Victor T. Glass, Spray, N. C.

Thomas C. Christmas, Charlotte, N. C., is now located at White Pine, Tenn., where he is pastor of two half-time churches—White Pine and Dandridge. . . . Guy C. Moore, Lewiston, N. C., is pastor at Nashville, N. C. . . . James F. Singleton, Decatur, Ga., is working with the Home Mission Board for the summer.

Robert Lloyd Murphy, Newport News, Va., pastor of Bethel church near Frankfort, Ky., will become pastor of Bethel church, Tabb, Va., September 1. . . . Edward Davis Galloway, Iron City, Ga., is serving as pastor at Fleming, Ky., until the Foreign Mission Board can secure transportation for him to send him to China as a missionary.

H. Kenneth Courtwright, of the state of Pennsylvania, is pastor of two large country churches in Franklin county, Va., and is living at Rocky Mount, Va.

Morgan Lovell Hahn, Fairfield, Ky., is pastor of Little Union church, Fairfield, and is specializing in rural church work. . . . George Alexander Jones, Saluda, N. C., is an army chaplain in training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. . . . William S. Bates, Jr., Decatur, Tenn., is associational field worker with headquarters at Rome, Ga.

Service Men And Irregular Baptisms

J. E. Dillard

My attention has been called to certain unauthorized statements said to have been made by some chaplains in army and navy to the effect that persons baptized by chaplains of any faith will be received into our home churches upon their return, etc.

I am not authorized to speak for anyone but myself. I think, however, I express the views of the great majority of our people as follows:

1. No chaplain is or has been authorized to speak for all or any group of Southern Baptist churches in regard to this matter.

2. Each and every Southern Baptist church is a self-governing body and can decide for itself the appropriate action to be taken in the premises.

3. Each case should be decided on

its own merits.

4. It is presumed that the historic position of our churches relative to the ordinance of baptism will be retained.

5. Recognizing the exigencies of the times, we would caution all churches and pastors to be sympathetic and tactful while being scriptural in the handling of each situation as it may arise.

6. It is believed that where the historic and scriptural practice relative to the ordinance of baptism and the reception of members is tactfully and faithfully presented the truly converted serviceman will be willing and glad to follow the prevailing custom and will accept, even request, regular baptism as a prerequisite to church membership in a Baptist church.

A Red Cross letter from Miss Ward, dated October 15, 1944, was received recently from Shanghai: "Household running as usual in June. Getting acquainted with life here (internment camp). News from (Elizabeth) Hale well. Think and pray for us. Looking forward return (of) Southern Baptists."

Chaplain Thomas E. West writes from Italy: "I wish we could send many, many missionaries to Italy. Untold numbers of people want to be Protestants. It is not an easy experience to visit the cemeteries, beautiful with flowers and flags on Memorial Day, to see the many white crosses, without turning away, determined that war shall be no more."

years later when he did marry, she had grown so old and ugly he was glad he did not get her.

Preachers have the reputation of being bad financiers. I used to think this a slander, but the more I observe them the more I believe there is some truth in the saying. Better postpone marriage until you can support a wife. She will wait for you. To ask the denomination to finance such an enterprise is the height of presumption. To end student days with a big debt will mean a serious handicap.

Should Students Marry?

E. T. Mobberly, Laurel, Miss.

I received a plea recently from one of our seminaries for funds to assist in erecting dormitories for married students. To secure quarters for student families is a major problem for seminaries and colleges. Why don't these students postpone marriage until they have finished their education? When the writer was a student, only two college students had families and they were married when they entered the ministry. In the seminary there were a few more, but most of them had married before going into this work.

Now, however, the majority are young and marry while still students. If they are able to pay their way, both for themselves and their wives, there is no fault to be found, but why form such alliances and expect the denomination to pay the freight? They have accepted the saying that two can live as cheaply as one, to wake up and find they have been woefully deceived. They try to live on love, but find it thin diet. They may be afraid someone will get their girl, and probably wish later someone else had. This writer thought in his late teens the world would come to an end if he did not get a certain young woman. Ten



A TRAGIC SITUATION

If the above statement is true to the facts, and it doubtless is approximately, then those who know and love Christ have a tremendous job on their hands in warning this vast multitude before it is too late and of pointing them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Christ is the only way of escape from eternal darkness and of death. God so loved us that He provided this way for us even though it meant the death of His dear Son on a cruel cross. And He has commissioned each one of His friends to hasten the glad tidings to those who know him not before they are ushered into eternity unprepared to meet their God.

The Centennial Crusade, which has for its objective the reaching and winning of a million souls this year to the side and the service of Christ,

is a gesture in the right direction. Surely it is high time for every one of us to awaken and go to work seriously on this titanic task for which we are responsible. It is not a piece of work that will wait without suffering loss. Multitudes of lost people, many of them all about us, are on the road to hell. They are lost now, not will be in the day of judgment. Their only hope of salvation is Christ, through faith in His atoning blood.

Tragedy of tragedies! Ample provision has been made for the salvation of all, and yet multiplied millions of people have not yet heard about it and they continue their way to eternal destruction, while many others have heard the good news but still reject the Saviour. Shall we not intensify greatly our efforts to win the lost to Christ? It may be too late tomorrow, next week, or next year. God help us!

Northern Baptists lost eleven of their missionaries, who were beheaded in Panay Island, Philippines, by the Japanese. The Northern Baptist Convention plans to appoint eighteen missionaries to the Philippines during the next three years, who will succeed these eleven martyrs of the faith.

A letter from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Northern Baptist Convention, brings interesting information that a meeting of the Chin Hills Association in Burma was held in March this year. The attendance was 1713, of whom 1363 came from a distance. The offerings this year were an increase of 200 per cent over last year. The association reported 775 baptisms this past year.

According to The Missionary Tidings, the Laubach method of teaching reading, has been applied to 85 languages in various countries. In China and India a mighty tide is now rising. In every state province in India multiplied millions are learning to read and write. The question is, What will they read? The need is more urgent than ever to provide good literature for the whole world.

MY DAILY PRAYER By Lorene Harper

Dear God, teach me how to pray
As Jesus taught His disciples in His day.
Wisdom let me seek; bless my being meek.

Keep me holy, filled with grace,
Until I meet the Master face to face.
Then He will know I did my best,
And in His peace I can rest.

There have been 49 additions this month to the Temple church, Ruston, Louisiana. These have come during the regular services.—Charles L. McKay, pastor.

J. R. Reedy of Eupora assisted Pastor Ivan Lowry in the revival at Bucatunna. There were eight additions.

YMCA's To Spend \$50,000,000 In Expansion Program

New York—(RNS)—Plans are under way to increase religious facilities among the 1500 YMCA branches throughout the country, R. L. Rayburn, senior secretary of the national YMCA's Building Bureau, said here.

Estimating that \$50,000,000 would be spent by local YMCA's on post-war construction in the greatest expansion program in the organization's history, Mr. Rayburn revealed that many of these projects will include chapels to meet the spiritual needs of young people. Since the war, he said, there has been a "notable upsurge" in religious emphasis, with growing interest in chapels for prayer and meditation and for services.

Many YMCA's plan new buildings to replace structures that have been outgrown, while others expect to remodel and improve their present plants. Swimming pools, club rooms, cafeterias and dormitories are included in many plans.

Attention is also being given to demands for co-educational programs as recent statistics on YMCA members reveal that one out of every ten members is a girl.

Most of the funds for these building programs are being raised through special campaigns in the local communities.

Southern Baptists will sympathize with Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, missionaries to China, living in Richmond, whose son, William Harold Johnson, recently died of tuberculosis after suffering many months. The father and mother requested that all who had planned to send flowers contribute an equivalent amount to be used in establishing a memorial to their son for the purpose of ministering to Christian workers in China who suffer from tuberculosis.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

LEAF RIVER (Smith County)

A revival, a building campaign, a study course and a Vacation Bible school made a full week for Leaf River church. Leaf River is located at Pineville in Smith county. Rev. A. A. Jackson is the beloved pastor.

The people came to all the services. They came in cars, wagons and on foot. Editor Goodrich was the preacher and study course teacher. Pastor Jackson conducted the music. There were 11 additions.

The VBS was conducted in connection with the revival. Misses Maudene Thrash and Edna Earle Davis of Lake, Mrs. A. A. Jackson, Lake, and Miss Alpha Jones of Pineville were on the faculty.

Before and during the meeting a committee solicited funds for the erection of a new and much needed church building. They met with unexpected success and reported cash and good pledges totalling \$3,365 with more to come. Construction is expected to begin at an early date.

Baptist Record readers are now listed in Smith county as follows: BETHEL 10, Burns 1, GOODWATER 16, HOMEWOOD 9, LEAF RIVER 81, LORENA 33, MIZE 23, Oak Grove 9, POLKVILLE 29, RALEIGH 69, ROCKY HILL 12, SYLVARENA 46, TAYLORSVILLE 62, White Oak 4, WILKERSON MEMORIAL 22, Sardis 3, SHADY GROVE 40, CLEAR CREEK 16. Rose Hill 1, Sharon 1, FELLOWSHIP 29, PLEASANT HILL 21, Mt. Pleasant 5, FED 27, Clear Springs 9, MT. CARMEL 10, CONCORD 28.

Clarksdale

While Dr. F. K. Horton was in a revival meeting at the First church, Tupelo, we had the pleasure of supplying for him and preaching to two good congregations.

The work continues to make progress. An \$85,000 building program has been planned. Five large window fans add to the comfort of the auditorium. Miss Joyce Farmer, director of music, promotes a musical program worthy of any church. In addition to the regular morning choir, there are several other choirs of different ages.

Coahoma county's Record readers are now listed as follows: Birdie 3, CLARKSDALE 133, JONESTOWN 22, LULA 31, LYON 57, Union Chapel 1, Adams Memorial-Fairview 3, RENA LARA 21.

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Sanford: We were assisted in our revival by the Rev. E. M. Bilbo of River Avenue church, Hattiesburg. There were six additions during the week.—H. L. Fewell, pastor.

Pastor W. H. Wood did the preaching in the revival at Oakvale church. Twelve came for baptism. There were other additions by letter. The church purchased an attic fan just prior to the meeting.—Mrs. Lessie Bryant, reporter.

There were 10 additions during the revival at Bethesda church, Oktibbeha county. Pastor Harold Douglas was assisted by Rev. W. L. Day of Louisville.

Christians Urged To Protest Liquor Favoritism

O. C. Miller, Ruston, La.

Baptists and other Christian people of the South should send at least 100,000 letters and telegrams to their congressmen protesting against the ODT regulations that will not permit a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and religious conferences at Ridgecrest, and other religious meetings, and yet permit meetings of several times as many people at horse races, made up of gamblers and other fans.

Here are some facts based on stories by The Associated Press and other news services: On May 30, 333,000 gamblers and other fans attended races; at Jamaica tracks in New York 64,000 gamblers and other fans attended and "set two records in gambling," a crowd estimated to be 70,000 attended the Kentucky races and gambled \$775,000, and 25,000 attended the races at the Pimlico tracks at Baltimore. Preliminary races attracted from 10 to 20 thousand people.

Yet the Southern Baptist Convention attracts only from 10 to 15 thousand people. The conferences at Ridgecrest attract mere handfuls as compared with the crowds mentioned above.

It should be remembered that the races at Miami, Florida, last year amounted to a national scandal. Many service men suffering from battle fatigue and wounds had been brought back to Florida to recuperate. Their loved ones and friends had not seen them in two years. Yet the horse race gamblers and fans had bought up the tickets into and out of Florida and the hotel rooms so that the relatives of the wounded could not get down there to see them, or get out if they were fortunate enough to get down there. They could not get hotel rooms, and had to spend the night sitting along the curbs, etc. Even clerks in hotels and with the railroads were indicted for the procedures. After V-E Day, however, horse racing bans were removed but church groups could not get together to plan for the spiritual welfare of the people.

In recent months the International Sunday school lessons have told of the efforts of such men as Elisha, Gideon, Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezra, and others, to save their nations from unwise, corrupt, and irreligious rulers, and from unrighteousness. We have read of the efforts of Martin Niemoller to save Germany, and of being imprisoned for it. It is time for the Christian people to try to save our great nation from greedy, selfish, unrighteous and unwise rulers who make such decisions as those which permit gamblers to get together and do not permit the church people to come together and plan for the spiritual welfare of the people.

The Christian people have been the main support of the nation in the war, but those who believe it is important to protect and enhance the spiritual welfare of the people must now try to save the nation from the selfish, greedy, unrighteous, and those who permit bad government regulations.

If you believe that the church people should have the same right to get together in conferences and plan for the spiritual welfare of the nation that the horse race gamblers and fans have to get together, witness and gamble on a horse race, do two things: (1) Write a letter to your congressman, or send him a wire, telling him that you think the ODT should give church workers the same privilege of getting together to plan

Why Send More Kits To Russia?

With the announcement that Southern Baptists are asked to send another hundred thousand kits to our Baptist brethren in Russia, as approved by the Executive Committee of the Convention, June 14, 1945, some friends are asking why we should continue to send aid to Russia with the war in Europe over.

It is my deep conviction that Southern Baptists will turn away from a great missionary opportunity if we fail to respond to the earnest appeal of the officers of the Baptist Union of Russia, expressed in their cable of March 5, 1945, that we send them further aid, in the form of kits, if at all possible.

My own church has unanimously

voted to send another thousand kits, and the First church and Second-Ponce de Leon church, Atlanta, will send a thousand each. The Atlanta Baptist Minister's Conference has voted unanimously to take the same goals for this effort as in 1944. Georgia Executive Committee recently approved unanimously another 20,000. Heartening reports are reaching us from every section of the Convention.

Think what it will mean tomorrow and tomorrow if Southern Baptists go the extra mile with our suffering brethren in Russia! That is my answer to why we should send more kits to Russia.

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman,
S. B. C. Committee on
Kits for Russia.

INSURANCE PREMIUM DIVIDENDS FOR FOUNDATION

Talking recently with an insurance company official of one of the large companies doing business in Mississippi, he said that the dividends paid by his company to policy holders each year amounted to more than \$200,000 in this state.

With many other companies doing business in this state, it is conservative to say that Baptists in Mississippi receive in dividends each year over one quarter of a million dollars.

This state manager said his company would be glad to mail this dividend check to the Foundation each year if the policy holder instructed them to do so. Doubtless the other companies will do the same.

If you have a policy, write your company to send a check to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi, each year, and bill you for the full premium. You will not notice the difference, but it will help the cause of Christ. When you take out a policy, tell them to do the same.

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CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN ENGLAND URGED TO LODGE AFRICAN STUDENTS

London—(By Wireless RNS)—Christian families in England have been urged to provide lodgings for African Christian students expected to register at British universities in the fall. The appeal was made here by the Church Missionary Society, an Anglican organization.

"If, during the time they are in England," the appeal read, "these students find no entry into Christian homes, but are lonely or seek only the company of their own people with whom to discuss and brood over their political grievances, they will return to their own country embittered and disillusioned and alienated from the church."

The society also urged Christian families to offer occasional hospitality to African students during week-ends and holidays.

for the spiritual welfare that horse race gamblers and fans have to get together. Get your Sunday school class and church to pass a resolution, and send a letter or wire. Get your neighbors of other denominations to do the same.

(2) When the restrictions are removed, if you still want a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, on this the 100th year of its organization, write me a card, and I will forward it to the proper authorities.

Northern Baptists Reject Dissident Mission Society

Chicago—(RNS)—Failure of attempts to reconcile differences in the Northern Baptist Convention over the conduct of foreign missions was admitted in action taken by the denomination's general council here.

The council adopted a majority report of the Committee on Cooperative Unity which reaffirmed confidence in the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, official agency of the Convention, and refused to recognize the dissident Conservative Baptist Mission Society as an independent group.

The council suggested that the new society would "more properly" be named the "Fundamentalist Foreign Mission Society."

Controversy over foreign missions threatened a split in Baptist ranks in December of 1943 when the Conservative Society was formed in protest against the alleged tendency on the part of the American Society to "depart from conservative and evangelical policies" in the selection of administrative secretaries and the appointment of missionaries.

A showdown on the issue was temporarily averted at last year's session of the convention when it established a joint committee to study the matter. The group consisted of three members of the official American Society, three from the Conservative Society, and three members at large.

The joint committees urged that the Conservative Society drop the word "conservative" from its title, and that it cease to be a foreign mission administrative agency and become a fellowship for encouraging churches to contribute to the support of Convention missionaries whom it approved. It was further proposed that in seeking support for missionaries and mission projects on its approved list, the fellowship adopt and follow a policy that would not undermine confidence in those missionaries and projects not on its approved list.

The minority report asserted that the Conservative Society's purpose and program were "not destructive but constructive, not divisive but unifying, not competitive, but actually supplemental to the missionary program of the Northern Baptist Convention." It was asked that the Convention recognize the Conservative Society as an independent foreign mission society, supported by Northern Baptist churches and members of Convention churches.